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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2015  
TIME: 11:00 A.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A # 1

[HB 1356](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO UNFUNDED LIABILITIES.  
Establishes the Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund to stabilize the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund when there is insufficient money to cover the costs of providing benefits to employee-beneficiaries and dependent-beneficiaries. Caps employer contributions to the separate trust fund when the separate accounts for each public employer within the separate trust fund have a combined balance of at least \$2,000,000,000.

FIN

[HB 1293](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.  
Clarifies that the real property tax exemption for property owned as a primary home covers persons who own, but cannot occupy in, the primary home due to a serious medical condition; provided that they do not rent or lease out that property.

FIN

[HB 1180](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO PROCUREMENT.  
Requires the state procurement office to establish a database to record inadequate past performance by contractors on public works projects.

FIN

[HB 810](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO EDUCATION.  
Appropriates funds for the P4C Program of the University of Hawaii Uehiro Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education and for teachers of the Department of Education to train with the P4C Program.

FIN

[HB 1187](#)  
[Status](#)

RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF TAX REVENUES.  
Amends the cigarette tax and tobacco tax law by establishing maximum dollar amounts that shall be distributed among certain non-general funds. Retains provision that the general fund receive the remainder after distribution.

FIN



<a href="#">HB 1188</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOBACCO SETTLEMENT SPECIAL FUND. Changes appropriations of money in the Hawaii tobacco settlement fund to set dollar amounts.	FIN
<a href="#">HB 83</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO INCOME TAX. Restores the deduction for state taxes paid for taxpayers with income above specified thresholds. Establishes limitations on claims for itemized tax deductions, based on taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income.	FIN
<a href="#">HB 314</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. Authorizes the use of outdoor advertising devices for purposes of all owing the naming rights of state buildings.	FIN
<a href="#">HB 318</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. Exempts contracts for the naming rights of State buildings from the sealed bid process and the fifteen-year limitation on concession contracts.	FIN
<a href="#">HB 1352</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Requires the Auditor to conduct a comprehensive financial, management, and program audit of the Department of Education. Appropriates funds.	FIN
<a href="#">HB 1167</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDIT. Increases from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000 the maximum tax credit for qualified tenants per taxable year. Allows capital infrastructure costs exceeding \$5,000,000 for one taxable year to be applied to subsequent tax years. Amends definition of "capital improvement costs".	FIN
<a href="#">HB 1172</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. Allows for a credit for all qualified research expenses without regard to the amount of expenses for previous years.	FIN
<a href="#">HB 825, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR72)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS. Establishes licensing requirements and enforcement provisions for transient vacation rentals to be administered by the department of commerce and consumer affairs.	TOU, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1370, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR113)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO DIVORCE. Provides statutory authority for the Employees' Retirement System Administrator to make direct payment to a former spouse of a member of benefits or portion thereof pursuant to valid court judgment, order, or decree. Appropriates moneys to Employees' Retirement System.	LAB, FIN
<a href="#">HB 600, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR502)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES. Authorizes the Department of Health to allow two private-pay individuals to be cared for in the same community care foster family home if certain requirements are met.	HUS/HLT, FIN



<a href="#">HB 1195, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR425)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO EXPANDED ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES. Increases the capacity from two to three nursing facility level residents in Type I Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes.	HLT/HUS, FIN
<a href="#">HB 452</a> <a href="#">(HSCR264)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO STATEWIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES. Appropriates funds to increase the base budget of the department of the attorney general for statewide sexual assault services for fiscal biennium 2016-2017 to \$2,380,000 per fiscal year. Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, requires the base budget of the department of the attorney general for statewide sexual assault services to be at least \$2,380,000 per fiscal year.	JUD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 180</a> <a href="#">(HSCR62)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO LOBBYING CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES STATEMENTS. Clarifies the requirements relating to the statement of expenditures to be filed upon the adjournment sine die of a special session.	JUD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 492</a> <a href="#">(HSCR265)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY. Appropriates funds for the judiciary to enter into contracts with community mediation centers for mediation services.	JUD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 968, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR396)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO LIABILITY FOR AMOUNTS PASSED ON AS TAX. Creates conclusive presumption that taxpayer is liable for any amounts passed on to consumers as payment for any tax authorized by title 14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, unless the taxpayer returns the overpayment to the consumer. Provides for civil penalty and reporting of violations to the office of consumer protection.	JUD, FIN
<a href="#">HB 906, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR130)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTIFIED OR APPROVED HOUSING PROJECTS. Ensures that certain eligible housing projects will remain affordable for certain minimum periods to be certified for exemption from general excise taxes.	HSG, FIN
<a href="#">HB 145, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR485)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO TAXATION. Establishes a refundable income tax credit for qualified cigar producers. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2112.	CPC, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1098, HD1</a> <a href="#">(HSCR447)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO THE SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT. Authorizes the commissioner of financial institutions to make adjustments to the collection of fees for the mortgage loan recovery fund without regard to chapter 91 to better maintain the intended \$750,000 balance in the mortgage loan recovery fund.	CPC, FIN
<a href="#">HB 1042</a> <a href="#">(HSCR528)</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS. Appropriates funds for grants-in-aid to the counties for assistance with identifying and mapping important agricultural lands.	AGR, FIN

#### DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW



Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony should indicate:

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- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed;
- The date and time of the hearing; and
- Measure number.

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